

REMARKS

Claims 2-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 2, 4, 5 and 10 are amended. Claims 11 and 12 are added. Claims 4 and 5 are amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled claim 1, and claims 2 and 10 are amended to depend from claim 5. Thus, no new matter is added.

I. Allowable Claims

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4-9 is appreciated, they being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of their base claim and any intervening claims. As claims 4 and 5 are rewritten in independent form, claims 4 and 5, as well as dependent claims 2, 3 and 12 are in condition for allowance.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by FR 2,800,928 to Michel et al. (Michel). As claim 1 is canceled the rejection of that claim is moot.

Claims 2, 3 and 10 depend from allowable claim 5. Thus, claims 2, 3 and 10 are allowable over the applied reference. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3 and 10 is respectfully requested.

III. New Claims

Claims 11 and 12 are allowable over the applied reference of record as the new claims depend from allowable claim 5, as well as for the additional features recited therein. For example, Michel fails to disclose or suggest, a vehicle ac generator wherein a terminal is provided to connect the rectifying device and a voltage control device, and the wall portion is provided near the terminal to protect the terminal from foreign material. Additionally, Michel fails to disclose or suggest a vehicle ac generator wherein a voltage control device is provided

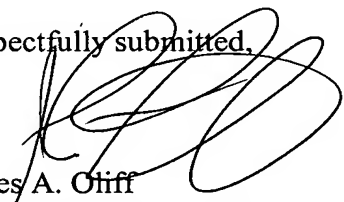
to control an exciting current to a field winding of the rotor, and the wall portion is provided over the voltage control device.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 2-12 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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